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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WISNER

SUBJECT: Luncheon Conference with Lord Jellicoe

1. During lunch today with George Jellicoe, the following points were brought up:

a. London is very anxious to have you return the visit of Hayter and Brock. They would particularly like to have your advice in the organization of their new clandestine committee before such organization proceeds too far. In this connection I mentioned that [] will replace [] as head of Governmental Committee when [] moves to Lake Success.

b. Jellicoe indicated that on arrival you might receive a proposal for the establishment of a "more formal joint organization at the top" between ourselves and the British. He asked my views as to how this might be received. I replied that I was unable to speak from the policy standpoint but that it was my personal view that joint organizations of this type are far more difficult to handle from an administrative standpoint during peacetime than they are during wartime. In wartime such organizations will report directly to the Allied Military Command; in peacetime no such combined policy exists, and we have already learned from the Pixie Operation that joint operations under two foreign offices is extremely cumbersome.

c. Jellicoe apparently had knowledge of the interrogation operation on returned prisoners of war now being conducted in Japan. He said that the British are very anxious to obtain the results from these interrogations. I made no comment.

d. At the end of the conversation he again repeated his previous statements about the very great desire on the part of London for a visit from you in the near future. He asked if I would be able to accompany you, to which I replied: "Probably not".

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